

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/665,679

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Examiner: Stuart L. Hendrickson

For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF CARBON NANOTUBES AND LASER
IRRADIATION TARGET

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action date **April 30, 2002**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the following claims:

13. (Amended) A laser irradiation target for the manufacture of carbon nanotubes by laser ablation, said target comprising:

a fullerene; and

a catalyst associated with said fullerene.

14. (Amended) The laser irradiation target as claimed in claim 13, wherein said fullerene comprises a five-membered carbon ring.

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